PC-HELPER

PCI Express Expansion Chassis
Long size, 4-Slots

ECH-PE-CE-F4A

User's Manual

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Product Configuration List

- Expansion chassis…1
  [ECH-PE-CE-F4A]
- Power cable …1
- Slot cover …4
- Board fixed screw …4,
- Rubber feet …4
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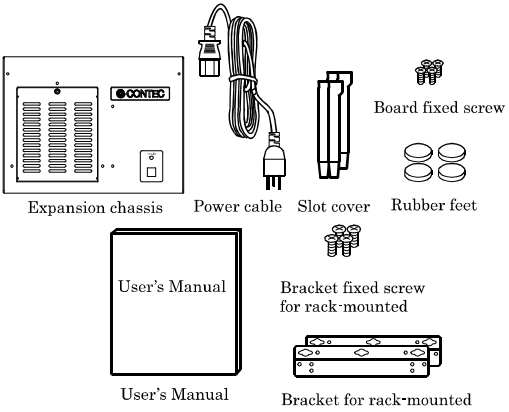

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1 Before Using the Product

This chapter provides information you should know before using the product.

About the Chassis

This product is an expansion chassis that adds PCI Express bus slots of PC. Connecting an optional expansion adaptor (EAD-CE-LPE, EAD-CE-EC) can add two PCI Express(x1) bus slots to the PC. ECH-PE-CE-F4A is long-type PCI Express board. You can link the ON/OFF control of the chassis to that of your PC.

Features

- PCI Express (x1) bus slots can be added to your PC.

Four PCI Express (x 1) bus slots can be added. This expansion chassis is connected to a PC using an optional expansion adapter.

- Four long-type PCI Express bus boards (x 4) can be connected. (ECH-PE-CE-F4A)

You can connect four PCI Express boards up to 313.8(L) x 111.15 (H) mm.

- ON/OFF control of the chassis can be linked to that of your PC.

You can link the ON/OFF control of the expansion chassis to that of your PC.

- Steel chassis with cooling fan

Steel chassis with cooling fan suitable for use in fields

- Rack-mountable

Rack-mountable with supplied brackets

Expansion adapter (Option)

Expansion Adaptar for Express Card Slot	:	EAD-CE-EC
Expansion Adaptar for PCI Express Slot	:	EAD-CE-LPE

Check the CONTEC's Web site for more information on these expansion adapters.

Combinations of Expansion Adapters and Expansion Chassis

The expansion adapters and expansion chassis can be used in the following combinations:

Expansion adapter	Expansion chassis ECH-PE-CE		
	-H2B	-F2B	-F4A
EAD-CE-EC	○	○	X
EAD-CE-LPE	○	○	○

Expansion Chassis

ECH-PE-CE-H2B

ECH-PE-CE-F2B

ECH-PE-CE-F4A

Expansion Adapter

EAD-CE-EC

EAD-CE-LPE

Restrictions

This product is used in a combination with the optional expansion adapter. The following restrictions apply to the situation when the expansion adapter is connected to the expansion chassis.

This product has restrictions on the types of PCs and boards that can be used.
Be sure to check the following restrictions before use.

< Restrictions of PC>

If using the EAD-CE-LPE adapter (sold separately) in the PC, check that the PC has a PCI Express bus slot. If using the EAD-CE-EC expansion adapter (sold separately), check that the notebook PC has an Express Card slot.

< Restrictions of PCI Express board>

None of the following boards can be plugged into any expansion slot in this product.

- Boards that require a communication speed of x1 or higher (x16, for example).
- Board to connect a PCI bus expansion chassis

Some boards may not work even though they comply with the PCI Express bus standard.

Customer Support

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This warranty is not applicable for scratches or normal wear, but only for the electronic circuitry and original products. The warranty is not applicable if the device has been tampered with or damaged through abuse, mistreatment, neglect, or unreasonable use, or if the original invoice is not included, in which case repairs will be considered beyond the warranty policy.

How to Obtain Service

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* No product will be accepted by CONTEC group without the RMA number.

Liability

The obligation of the warrantor is solely to repair or replace the product. In no event will the warrantor be liable for any incidental or consequential damages due to such defect or consequences that arise from Safety Precautions.
Understand the following definitions and precautions to use the product safely.

Safety Precautions

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Safety Information

This document provides safety information using the following symbols to prevent accidents resulting in injury or death and the destruction of equipment and resources. Understand the meanings of these labels to operate the equipment safely.

⚠ DANGER	DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
⚠ WARNING	WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
⚠ CAUTION	CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury or in property damage.

Handling Precautions

⚠ DANGER

Do not use the product where it is exposed to flammable or corrosive gas. Doing so may result in an explosion, fire, electric shock, or failure.

⚠ CAUTION

- Do not plug or unplug any board into or from an expansion slot with the PC or this product powered.
  Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, or fault.
  Be sure to turn off the PC or this product and unplug their power cables before plugging or unplugging any expansion board.
- Do not plug or unplug the cable interconnecting the PC and the expansion chassis with the PC or ECH-PE-CE-F4A powered.
- Do not turn on or off the power switch of this product with the PC powered. Doing so may result in a malfunction.
- The total current consumption by the boards installed in the expansion slots in this product must not exceed the maximum power capacity of its power supply.
  Failure to supply ample power to expansion boards could result in a malfunction, overheating, or fault.
- The external supply voltage or drive current must not exceed the rating.
- Do not connect any signal other than specified to the on-board connector.
  Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage.
- If a specific expansion slot is recommended for a board, plug the board into that slot. Failure to do so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage.
- When plugging or unplugging the power cable, be sure to hold it by the plug itself.

- Since the expansion chassis is a precision device, do not store or use it where it is subject to shock or vibration. Also avoid any place where the chassis is exposed to direct sunlight, extremely high humidity, or much dust.
- Do not use or store the chassis where it is exposed to any chemical either directly or as vapor in the air.
- The chassis has ventilating slits to prevent it from overheating. Avoid using the chassis with the ventilating slits blocked or in an ill-ventilated place.
- Do not use the chassis near equipment generating a strong magnetic field or noise.
  Doing so may result in a malfunction, overheating, fault, or damage in the chassis, your PC, or both.
- It is very dangerous to use the chassis with water, liquid, or metal (conductive) chips left inside. Be careful not to let such foreign matters in the chassis.
- The specifications of this product are subject to change without notice for enhancement or quality improvement.
  Even when using the product continuously, be sure to read the manual and understand the contents.
- Do not modify this product.
  CONTEC will bear no responsibility for any problems, etc., resulting from modifying the product.
- Regardless of the foregoing statements, CONTEC is not liable for any damages whatsoever (including damages for loss of business profits) arising out of the use of or inability to use this CONTEC product or the information contained herein.

FCC PART 15 Class A Notice

NOTE

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
(1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.
This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment.
This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

WARNING TO USER

Change or modifications not expressly approved the manufacturer can void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

Environment

Use this product in the following environment. If used in an unauthorized environment, the chassis may overheat, malfunction, or cause a failure.

Operating temperature

0 - 50°C

Humidity

20 - 80%RH (No condensation)

Corrosive gases

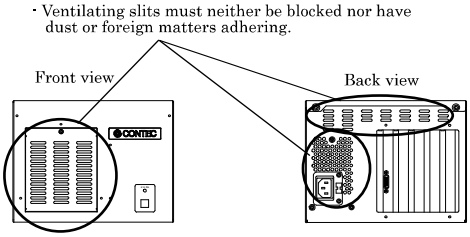
None

Floating dust particles

Not to be excessive

Inspection

Inspect the product periodically as follows to use it safely.



Storage

When storing this product, keep it in its original packing form.

(1) Wrap it in the packing material, then put it in the box.

(2) Store the package at room temperature at a place free from direct sunlight, moisture, shock, vibration, magnetism, and static electricity.

Disposal

When disposing of the product, follow the disposal procedures stipulated under the relevant laws and municipal ordinances.

2 Setup

This chapter explains how to set up the chassis.

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion adapter EAD-CE-LPE, EAD-CE-EC as required.

What is Setup?

Setup means a series of steps to take before the product can be used.

Taking the following steps in this chapter sets up the ECH-PE-CE-H2B.

Step 1 Preparation

Step 2 Installing the Expansion Board

Step 3 Connecting the Cable

Step 4 Installing the expansion adapter board

Step 5 Setup and Check

If setup fails to be performed correctly, refer to "Setup Troubleshooting".

Step 1 Preparation

Configuration image

The photo is of the EAD-CE-EC+ECH-PCI-CE-H4A but the check points are the same as with the ECH-PE-CE-F4A.

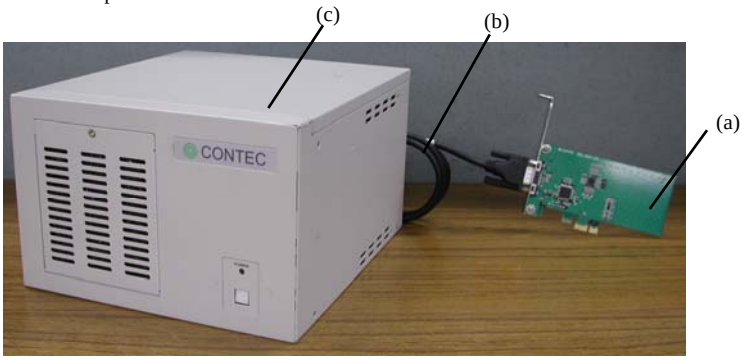
Figure 2.1. Configuration image

Items to be prepared

- PC
- Expansion adapter [EAD-CE-LPE, EAD-CE-EC]

  Expansion adapter board [One of BUS-AD1C-LPE, BUS-PC-EC]…(a),
  Connection Cable [CB-CE-1]…(b)
- Expansion chassis

  Chassis[ECH-PE-CE-F4A] …(c), Power cable
- PCI Express bus board to be installed



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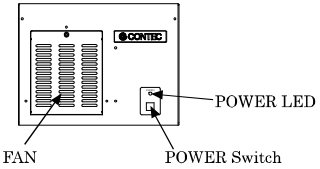
Names of major parts

ECH-PE-CE-F4A

Front view



Back view

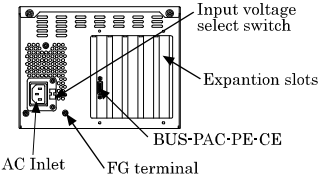
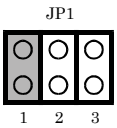


Figure 2.2. Names of major parts < ECH-PE-CE-F4A >

Setting Jumper

The board mounted on the expansion chassis has a jumper. The jumper can be set to link the power systems.



1 : Linked to the power of the PC
When the PC is turned on, the power of the expansion chassis also comes on.

2 : Linked to the power of the expansion chassis
When the power receptacle inside the expansion chassis is connected, the power of the chassis comes on.

3 : Not linked
When the power switch at the front of the expansion chassis is turned on, the power of the chassis comes on.

Figure 2.3. Setting Jumper

⚠ CAUTION

Do not remove BUS-PAC-PE-CE or change its position.
It may result in malfunction, heat generation, failure, or breakage.

Step 2 Installing the Expansion Board

⚠ CAUTION

Before installing an expansion board on this product, be sure to turn off your PC or this product and unplug the power cables from wall outlets.

Follow the procedure below to install the expansion board on this product.

(1) Unplug the AC adapter and Connection Cable from this product.

(2) Remove two screw from the top of the rear panel, then remove the chassis cover by sliding it to the rear side (in the order of arrows 1 and 2).

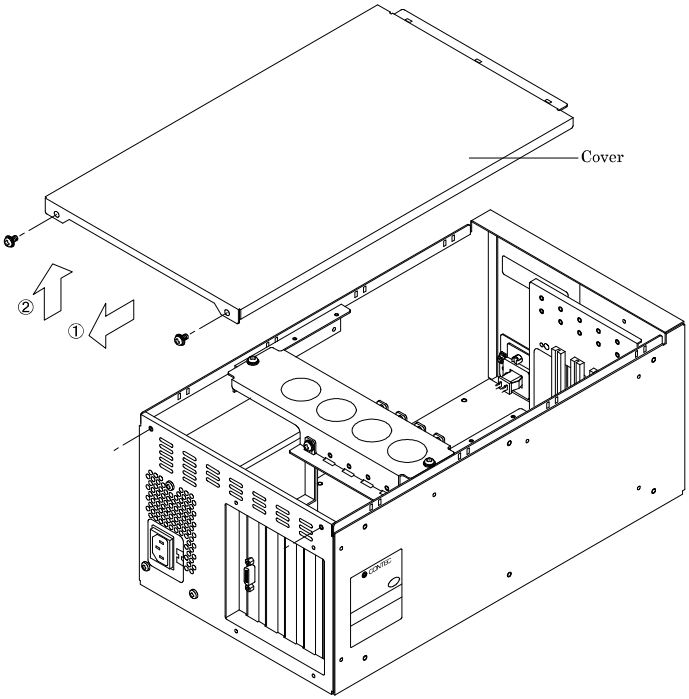


Figure 2.4. Removing the cover

(3) Remove the fall-off prevention bar from this product.

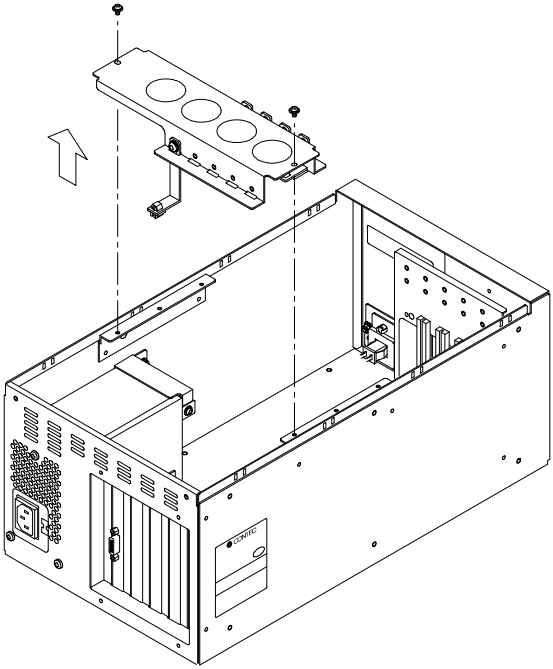


Figure 2.5. Removing the fall-off prevention bar

(4) Plug the expansion board into a PCI Express bus slot and fasten the bracket with the attached screw. Apply slot covers to unused slots and fasten them with screws.

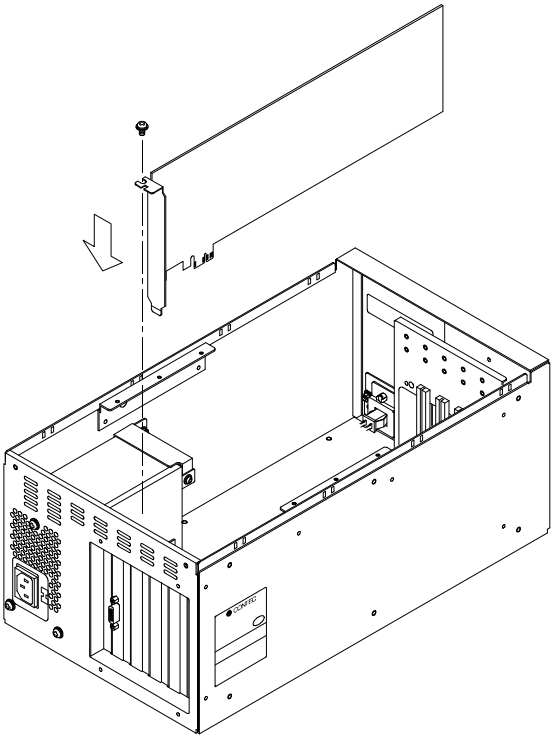


Figure 2.6. Installing the Expansion Board

(5) The fall-off prevention bar adjusted according to the height of the expansion board and fasten them with screws.

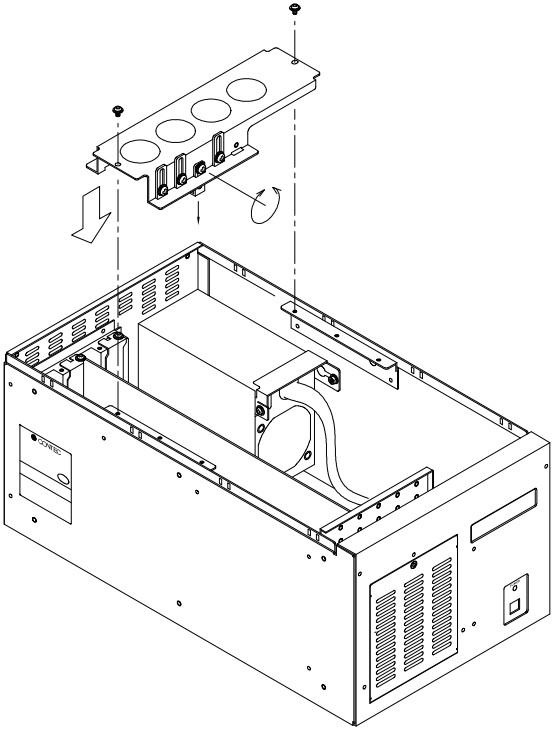


Figure 2.7. Attaching the fall-off prevention bar

(6) Return the cover to their original position and fix them with screws.

Step 3 Connecting the Cable

Connecting the connection cable to the Expansion Adapter

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion adapter EAD-CE-LPE, EAD-CE-EC to connect its connection cable to the expansion adapter.

Connecting the connection cable to this product

Connect the connector of the connection cable to the connector of this product.
The interface connector is the leftmost connector on the rear panel of the expansion chassis.

The photo is of the ECH-PE-CE-F4A.

Figure 2.8. Connecting the connection cable to this product

⚠ CAUTION

Do not plug the connection cable into any other connector as doing so can cause a fault.

Plugging the Power Cable

(1) Plug the power cable into the ECH-PE-CE-F4A.

The photo is of the ECH-PE-CE-F4A.

Figure 2.9. Plugging the power cable into the ECH-PE-CE-F4A

(2) Plug the power cable into a wall outlet.

Step 4 Installing the expansion adapter board

Refer to the user's manual for the expansion adapter EAD-CE-LPE, EAD-CE-EC to install the expansion bus adapter on the PC.

Step 5 Setup and Check

Starting the system

This product is turned on and off in sync with the PC's power supply. When the PC detects the expansion adapter, this product is turned on.

Turning on the system

(1) Plug the power plug of this product into a wall outlet.
You do not need to press the POWER switch on the front panel (*1).

(2) The power supply of a PC is turned ON.

(3) As soon as the expansion adapter is recognized by the PC, this product is turned on automatically.

(4) Make sure that the POWER LED on this product is on.

*1 Pressing the POWER switch on the front panel of this product turns on this product or puts it to sleep. Use the switch, for example, to turn on only this product.

Turning off the system

(1) The power supply of a PC is turned OFF.

(2) This product is turned off in synchronization with the PC's power supply.

⚠ CAUTION

- Do not turn on or off this product with the PC main unit powered.
  Doing so cancels the detection of the bus adapter. When turning this product on back, restart the PC main unit.
- If you turn on the PC after turning it off, keep a time interval of at least 10 seconds in between. If the power OFF-to-ON interval is too short, the expansion chassis may fail to be turned on.

Setting up the hardware in Windows

The PCI Express bus boards installed on this product are detected in sequence.

For setting up and checking the boards used on the expansion chassis, refer to their respective manuals.

Attaching Rack Mount Brackets

These products can be rack mounted using the attached brackets. The brackets can be used in two ways as illustrated below. Rack-mount these products using the brackets by the appropriate method suitable for the operating environment.

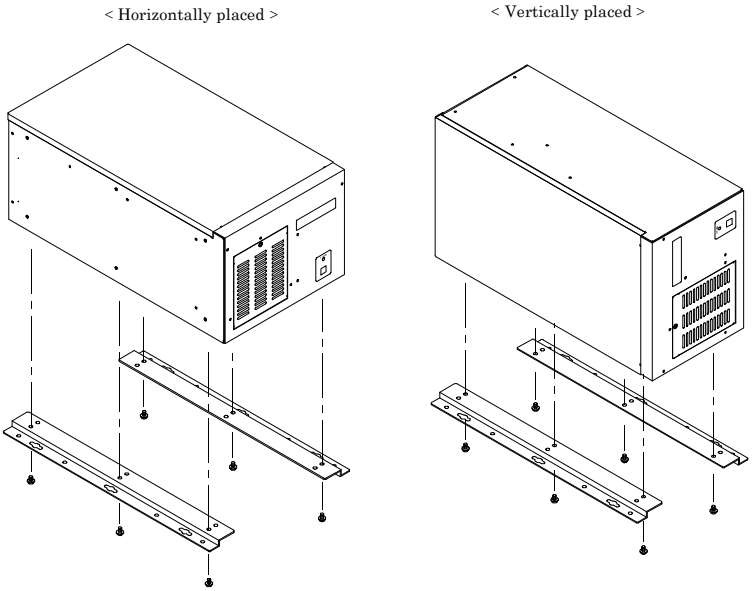


Figure 2.10. Attaching the Rack Mount Brackets

Attaching the FG

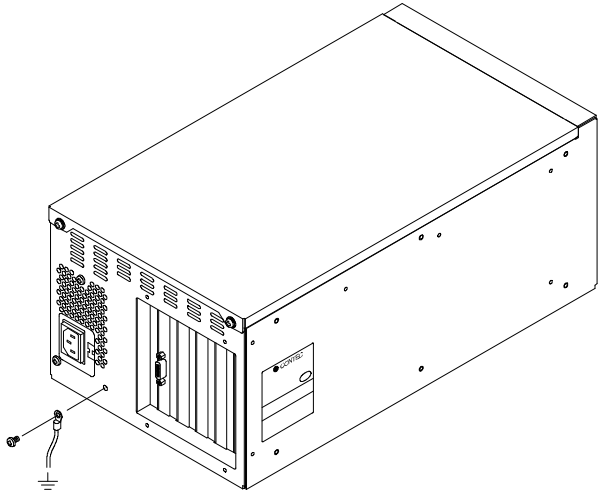


Figure 2.11. Attaching the FG

Installing/Removing a fan and filter

You can install/remove a fan and filter.

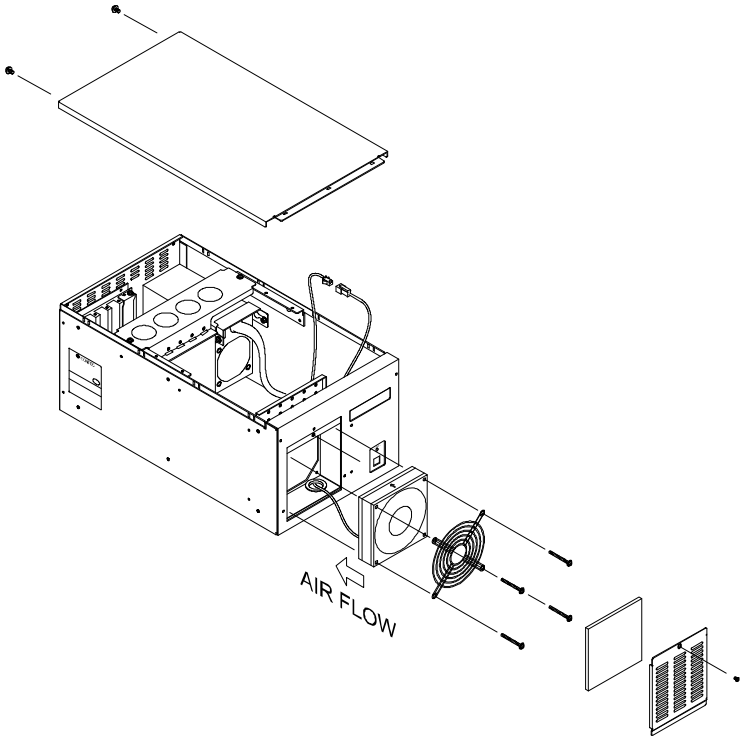


Figure 2.12. Installing/Removing a fan and filter

Setup Troubleshooting

Please confirm followings when the ECH-PE-CE-F4A does not work.

Symptoms and Actions

The chassis won't be turned on.

a. Make sure that the power cable has been connected correctly.

b. Make sure that the power supplies of the PC and these products are on.

c. Make sure that you have followed the procedure in Chapter 2.

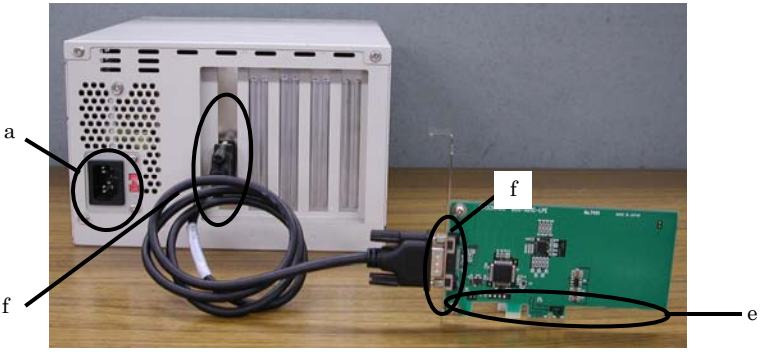
d. Even though the chassis is still not turned on, check whether it is turned on with no board installed. If the chassis is turned on with no board installed, check the total current consumption by the installed boards. The total current consumption must not exceed the power capacity of these products.

No PCI Express bus board on this product is detected.

e. Make sure that the expansion adapter board has been installed correctly.

f. Make sure that the connection cable has been installed correctly. When connecting the connection cable to the main chassis, insert the connector until it clicks into place.

g. Make sure that the POWER LED on these products are turned on.



The photo is of the EAD-CE-EC + ECH-PE-CE-F4A.

If your problem cannot be resolved

Contact your retailer.

3 About Hardware

Hardware specification

Table 3.1. Specification

Item		ECH-PE-CE-F4A
Compatible bus		PCI Express Base Specification Rev.1.0a x1
Power consumption		2.5G bps (Max.)
Number of user-available slots		4 slots (Long size)
Acceptable board sizes (mm)		313.8(L) x 111.15(H)
Power supply		
	Expansion slot supplied power (The output current must not exceed the value on the right.)	+3.3VDC 8A (Max.)
		+12VDC 3A (Max.)
		-12VDC 0.7A (Max.)
	Maximum total power capacity	130W
	AC input line voltage	115/230VAC (スイッチ選択)
	AC line frequency	50 - 60Hz
	AC power input current	3A(115VAC)/1.5A(230VAC)
Outside dimensions (mm)		210.0(W)×159.0(H)×378.2(L) (without rubber feet)
Weight		7kg
AC cable		2.5m 3P

Outside dimensions of acceptable board (Max.)
<ECH-PE-CE-F4A>

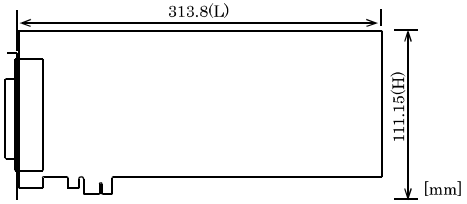


Table 3.2. Environmental specification

Item		Specification
Operating temperature		0 - 50ºC
Operating humidity		20 - 80%RH(No condensation)
Storage temperature		0 - 60ºC
Storage humidity		10 - 90%RH(No condensation)
Floating dust particles		Not to be excessive
Corrosive gases		None
Line-noise resistance	Line noise	AC line / ±2kV Signal line / ±1kV (IEC61000-4-4 Level 3,EN61000-4-4 Level 3)
	Static electricity resistance*1	Contact discharge / ±2kV (IEC61000-4-2 Level 1, EN61000-4-2 Level1
		Atmospheric discharge / ±4kV (IEC61000-4-2 Level 2, EN61000-4-2 Level 2)
Vibration resistance	Sweep resistance*1	10 - 57Hz / semi-amplitude 0.075 mm, 57 - 150Hz/1.0G 40 min. each in x, y, and z directions (JIS C60068-2-6-compliant, IEC60068-2-6-compliant)
Impact resistance		10G, half-sine shock for 11 ms in x, y, and z directions (JIS C60068-2-27-compliant, IEC60068-2-27-compliant)
Grounding		Class D grounding (previous class 3 grounding), SG-FG / continuity

⚠ CAUTION

The power supply and cooling fan in this product is consumables, requiring replacement after use for a certain period of time. Although each of the parts should be replaced after use for the following period of time in principle, the life may be shortened depending on the operating environment. Keep in mind that the lives of the parts may be extremely shortened if they are used where it is either exposed to must dirt, metal chips or particles, or dust or affected by oil or corrosive gas.

- Power supply : About 5 years (in an office environment kept at a temperature of 25°C and a humidity of 60%)
- Fan : About 5 years (in an office environment kept at a temperature of 25°C and a humidity of 60%)
- Fan Filter : About 1 year (in an office environment kept at a temperature of 25°C and a humidity of 60%)

Physical Dimensions

⚠ CAUTION

- When using this chassis, keep it at at least 20mm away from any object such as the wall for cooling purposes.
- Attaching rubber feet to the chassis makes it 3.6mm taller.

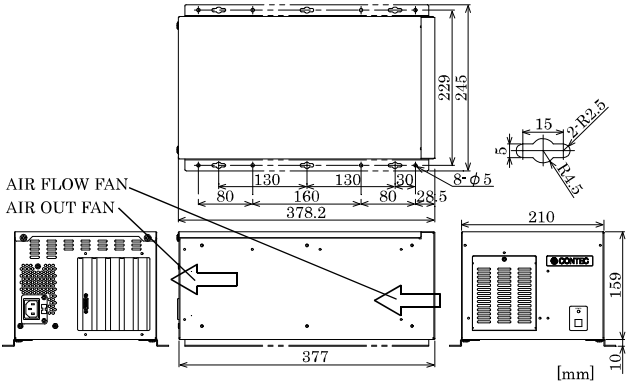


Figure 3.1. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PE-CE-F4A, Horizontally placed >

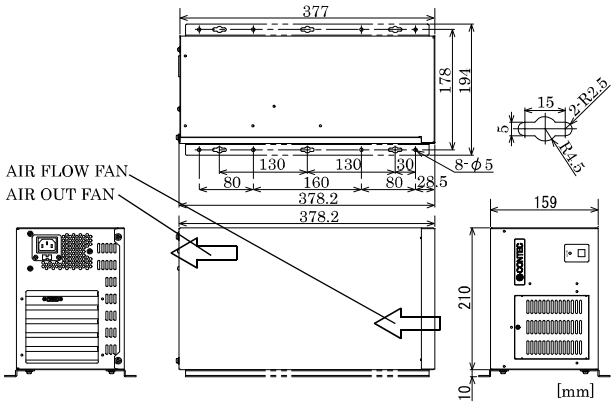


Figure 3.2. Physical Dimensions < ECH-PE-CE-F4A, Vertically placed >

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